

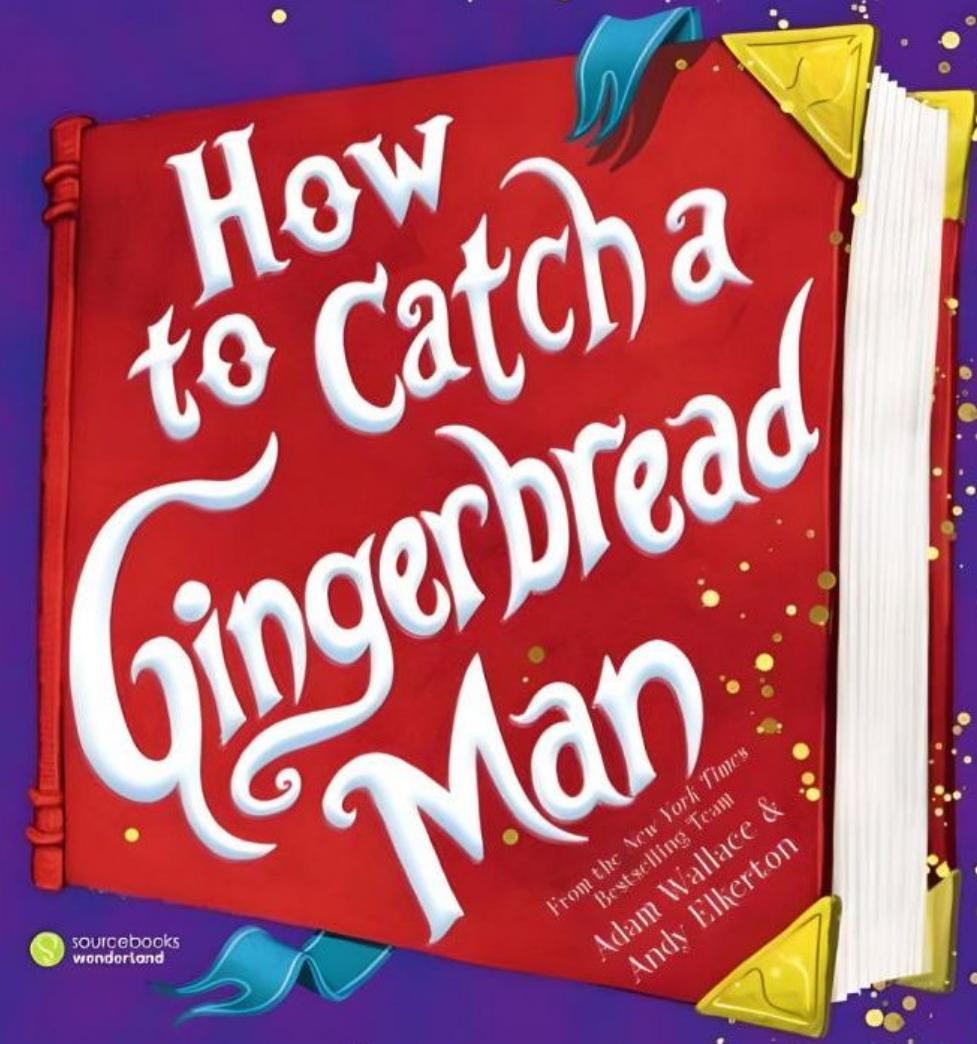
How to Catch a Gingerbread Man

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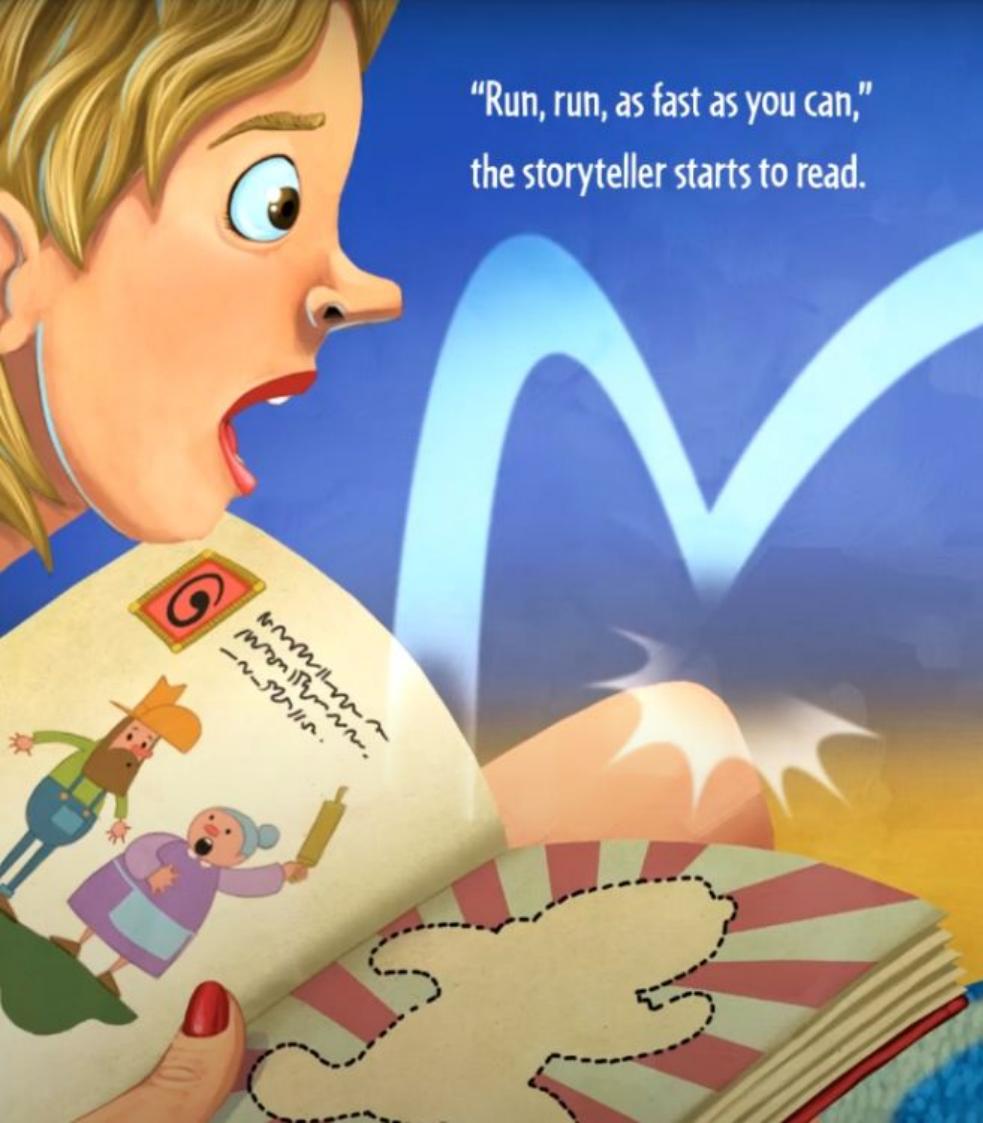


Once upon a **story time**
at the bookstore down the street,
some friends come in to have some fun—
they're in for quite a treat!





Sitting at the story rug
with a special book in hand,
the reading is about to begin
about me, the **Gingerbread Man**...



"Run, run, as fast as you can,"
the storyteller starts to read.

So out I pop, right off the page
and break away with **speed!**



You kids will never catch me-

I'm much too fast for you!



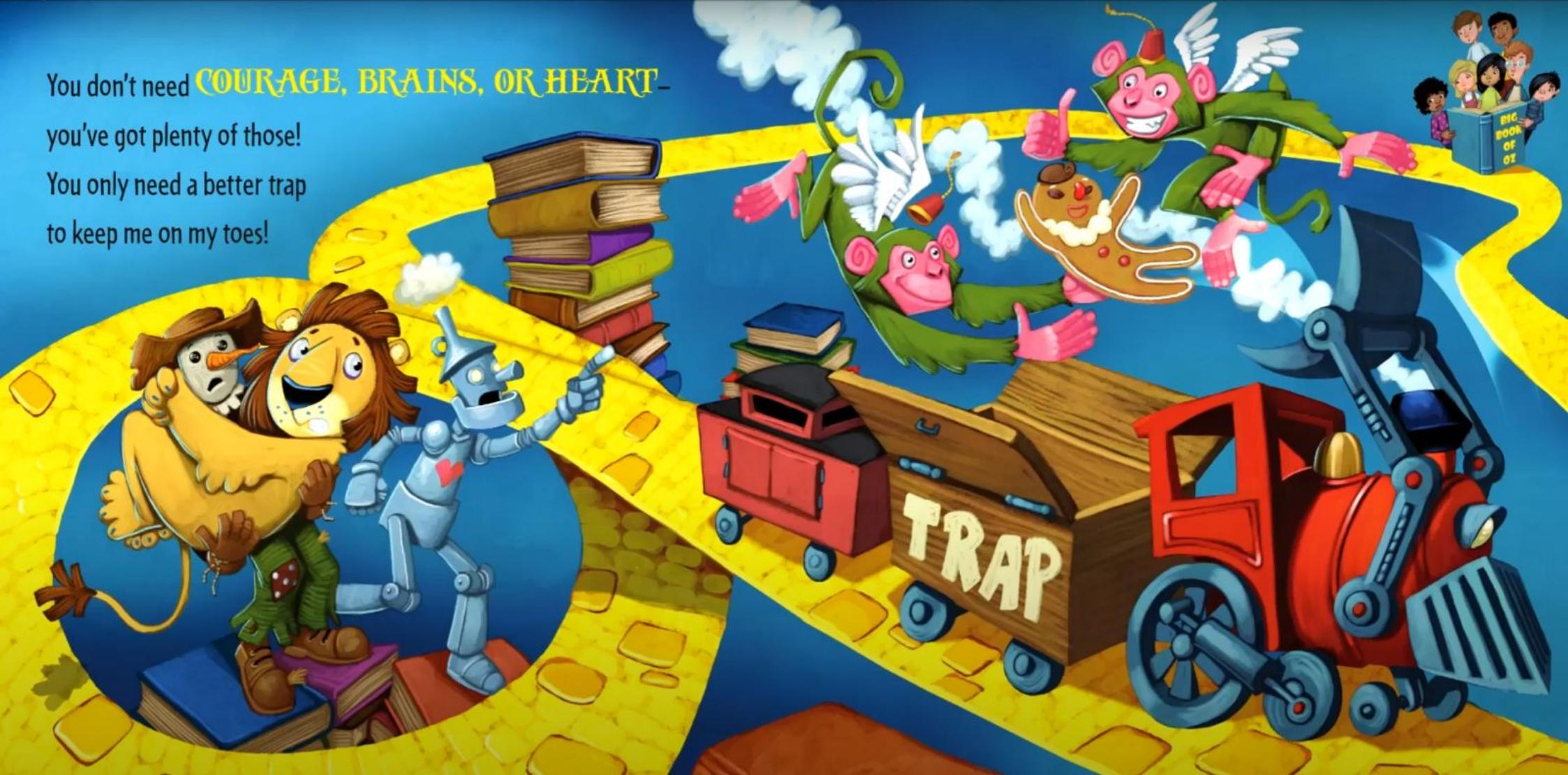
Especially when I have help
from the *boy who never grew!*

This clever trap won't do the trick—
you need a **magic spell!**

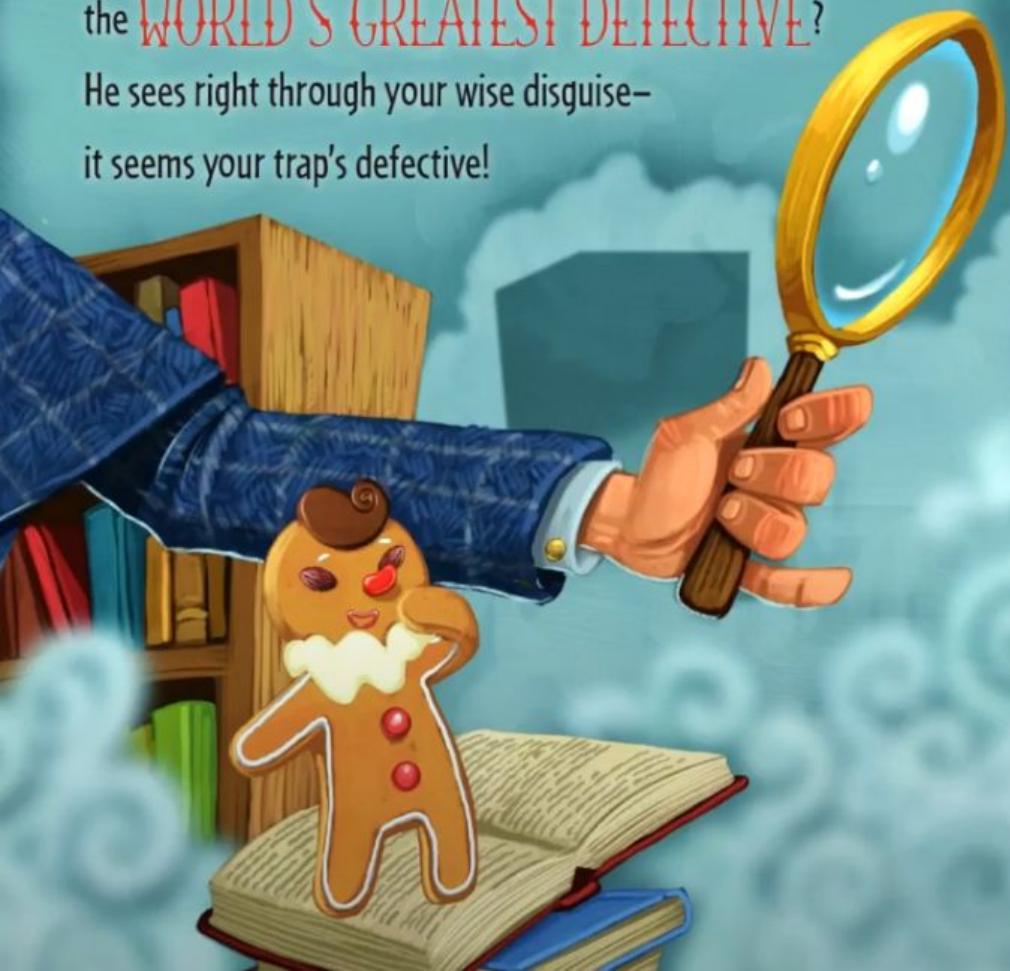
And with a wizard on my side,
your traps won't do so well.



You don't need **COURAGE, BRAINS, OR HEART-**
you've got plenty of those!
You only need a better trap
to keep me on my toes!



You thought this trap would really fool
the **WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE**?
He sees right through your wise disguise—
it seems your trap's defective!

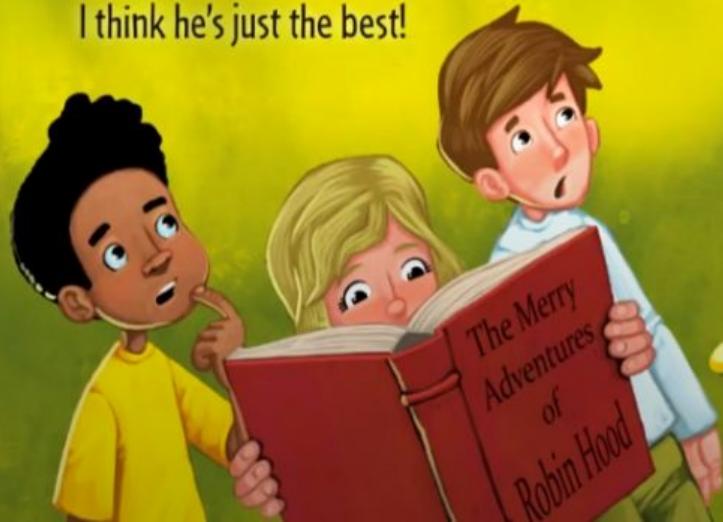




Now your traps are getting better,
I admit, I am impressed.

WANG!

But **Robin Hood** just saved the day.
I think he's just the best!



STICKY
FROSTING
FOREST

Frosting

HOLIDAY
PAPER
SALE



A bow tie, buttons, even pants!?

This place has everything!

But something here is not quite right...

what's with this great big **Spring**?



Candyshop





What a big trap you had here!
The better to catch me with, I think.
Too bad my friends helped me escape—
I'm up and gone in a **blink!**

Grimms'
Fair



This trap you set was no big deal.
It's broken now, but how?



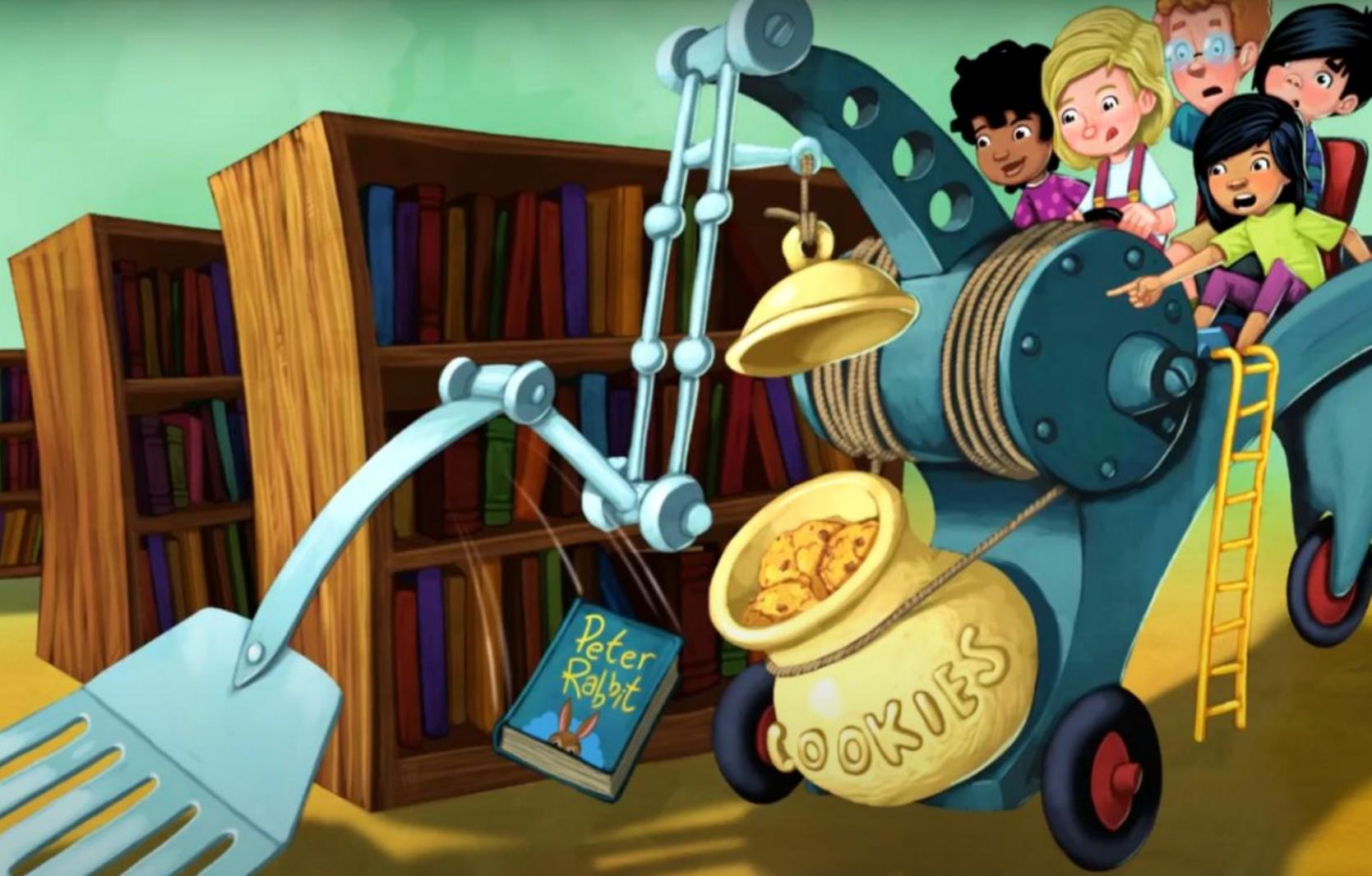
Perhaps the boy with **magic beans**
saved me with his cow...



Alice and her **mad-hat** friends,
as a gift for my unbirthday,
helped guide me through the walls of shelves—
now I'm *bound* to find my way.



What a great day! I'm having fun—
you youngsters sure are bright!
But have you given up on me?
There's not a **TRAP** in sight...





I've won again! And I must say,

this trap wasn't half-bad.

But as I take my **victory lap**,

I notice you look sad...



I may be free, but now I want
to see your smiles and laughter!
So back I go to give this tale
a **happily ever after...**





Run, run as fast as you can.
Can you catch me?
I'm the Gingerbread Man!

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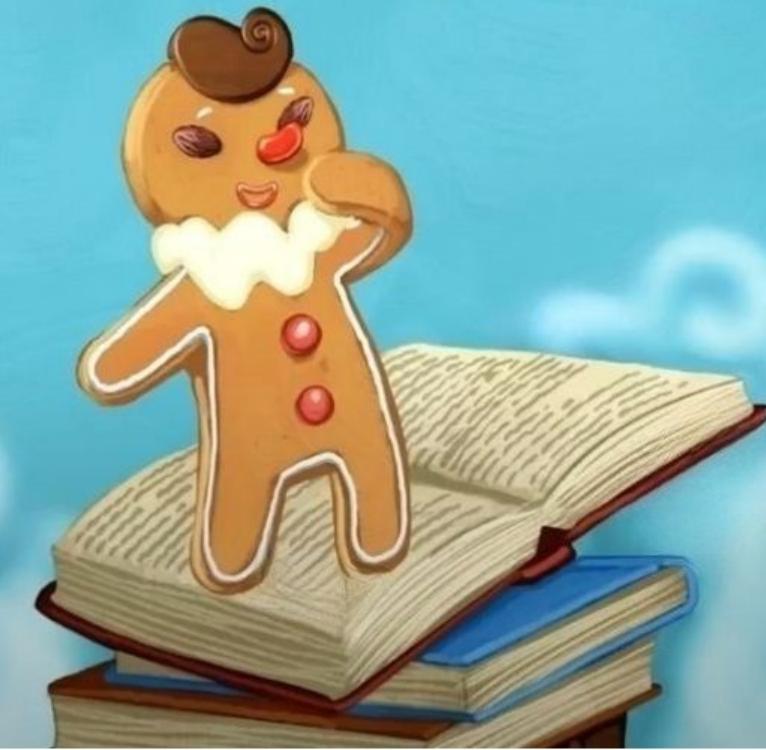
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When the storyteller starts to read,
"Run, run, as fast as you can,"
I'm off in a start, and you'll have to be smart
to catch me, the Gingerbread Man!



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